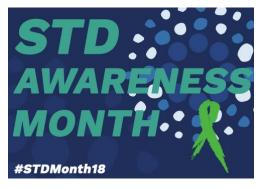
## NO-COST STD TESTING AT FIVE DOH-PINELLAS CENTERS ON APRIL 25

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April is observed as Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Awareness Month, a time to remind the community about the importance of testing for and treating diseases such as syphilis, chlamydia and gonorrhea. Educating sexually-active people about the risks of unprotected sex and the symptoms of STDs is part of public health's core mission.

The Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County (DOH-Pinellas) has STD clinics and programs for confidential testing and treatment at five of its health

department locations. Those who are tested may choose to have their results sent via a text message.

To encourage more people to be tested and treated, DOH-Pinellas will offer no-cost STD tests on Wednesday, April 25. Hours are 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at these locations:

- Tarpon Springs: 301 S. Disston Ave.
- Clearwater: 310 N. Myrtle Ave.
- Mid-County: 8751 Ulmerton Rd., Largo
- Pinellas Park: 6350 76<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.
- St. Petersburg: 205 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. N.

For information about STDs, including common symptoms and tips on telling partners to get tested, go to <a href="http://pinellas.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/infectious-disease-services/std/index.html">http://pinellas.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/infectious-disease-services/std/index.html</a>.

For information about services at DOH-Pinellas, go to <a href="www.PinellasHealth.com">www.PinellasHealth.com</a> or follow us on Twitter at <a href="www.PinellasHealthyPinellas">@HealthyPinellas</a>.

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